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## Keep Montgomery County Beautiful FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### KUDOS to you, the Adopt A Road Participant!!

Thanks to all of you for your hard work in 2010! The program now has 293 participants that are currently adopting and cleaning 305 miles of roadway (out of about 2500 miles of county-owned streets and roadways)

This is a Communication Newsletter for the volunteers that participate in the Adopt A Road program! Help us save paper and expenses by subscribing to this eNewsletter - send your email address to

[mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### News, Updates and Reminders

**Process your own service request online!** You can arrange for trash pick up 24/7 by submitting a service request on the MC311 website [CLICK HERE](#) or you can call 311 Monday thru Friday between 7:00am - 5:00pm.

#### WHERE DO I REPORT GRAFFITI?

In Montgomery County, call the GRaffiti ABatement Partners (GRAB) hotline at 301-607-GRAB (4722), or you can report graffiti on the Web at:

<http://www.graffitiifree.org/report.html>

**GRaffiti ABatement Partners, Inc. (GRAB)** is a not-for-profit private-public partnership. Community, business and government are working together to eliminate graffiti vandalism in Montgomery County, Maryland, through eradication, education and enforcement strategies. GRAB, established in 1996, is the vision of former Councilmembers Betty Ann Krahnke and Marilyn Praisner.



### Various Information and Articles on Safety and Snow

[Clothes Dryer Fire Safety Tips](#)

[Seniors: What You Should Know](#)

[Ice & Cold Weather Safety Tips](#)

**What to do When it Snows Brochure  
below:**



**For delays, closings  
and other information**

visit: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/snow](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/snow)

### MCDOT Has Deployed its New Storm Management Operations Map

County Executive Leggett has announced the launch of a new online tool that will make it easier for you to decide when to safely venture out following a snowstorm.



The map tool (click above screen shot) shows the progress of snow plows throughout the County and indicates when emergency routes, primary roads, and neighborhood streets have been cleared. Its zoom feature allows you to focus on the plow status in your neighborhood. Then you can zoom out to check your entire route. [Read more...](#)

### Important Contact Numbers

Here are contacts you might find useful in the course of your cleaning activities.

**Removal of Downed Trees/Limbs.** Trees

If you require assistance in removing graffiti from your property, call the GRAB hotline at 301-607-4722. Please leave your name, phone number, location, and a brief description of the graffiti including the type of surface defaced (unpainted brick, painted brick, cinderblock, unpainted cinderblock, etc.).

## Please Help Us Monitor Trash Levels In The Region

When you report your cleanings, please tell us how many bags you collect - it will provide a vital source of data which will be used in part to measure progress on the Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative.

### FY10 Totals (July 1, 2009 - June 31, 2010)

822 Total Cleanings  
1936 Total Bags Picked up

### FY11 Totals (July 1, 2011 - Present)

446 Total Cleanings  
1076 Total Bags Picked up

Questions or concerns about the Adopt A Road Program? Call 240-777-7155 or [Email Us](#)



that have fallen on sidewalks or personal property please call 311. Trees fallen on utility lines report to your local utility company.

### Recycling Questions:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)

### Missing or damaged AAR sign contact

Traffic Operations. Send an email to [TrafficOps@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:TrafficOps@montgomerycountymd.gov) make sure to include exact location and your group name.

## Top Cleaning Groups Among Those Reporting

We've got a series of recognitions for the volunteer groups who reported the highest number of trash bags collected along a roadside in recent months (in order for other groups to have a chance to win an award, we'll allow one winner every 12 months).

**SEPTEMBER's** winner was Michael Peterson's Family for reporting their collection of **7 bags** of trash along *MacArthur Boulevard!*

**OCTOBER's** winner was Tikvat Isreal for reporting their collection of **33 bags** along *Baltimore Road!*

**NOVEMBER's** winner was Izaak Walton League-Wildlife Achievement Chapter for reporting their collection of **50 bags** picked up, console tv, metal poles, scraps of carpet, 7 tires and 6-7 gallons of oil and a children's wading pool along *Mullinix Mill Road!*

**DECEMBER's** winner was Colesville Lions Club for reporting their collection of **25 bags** along *Norbeck Road!*

We will be sending a small token of our appreciation to each group's coordinator for the timely reporting and the group's hard work in keeping Montgomery County beautiful!

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### Reminder\*\*

When you report the total number of bags picked up make sure to identify what type of bags used (example; tall kitchen bag, our orange bag, leaf/lawn black bag, etc.)

Send your report by email to [mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov) make sure to include the date, the group and name of road that was cleaned.